

C O N C O R D I A U N I V E R S I T Y

Faculty of Engineering

Minutes of Meeting No. 77.4

of the

Engineering Faculty Council

held

Thursday, 17 March 1977

Present: J. Clair Callaghan (Chairman); Professors Douglass, Feher, Habashi, Joly, Krakow, Leung, Lindsay, Pekau, Russell, Sankar, Swamy, Xistris (Recording Secretary), Zielinski; K.D. Adams (Registrar); Ms Jirkowsky (Library representative); D. Gladstone, A. MacDonald (Student representatives).

Absent with apology: Bhattacharyya, Cerny, du Plessis, Giguere.

Visitors: Prof. Ramamurthy; Messrs Bordan, Griffiths, Berdebes, Lucciola, Di Nezza, Singh, Gardin, Rudy, Creamer, Abouzakhm (students).

Motion
77-4-1
Motion
77-4-2

1. Council unanimously adopted a motion to adopt the published agenda.
2. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of meeting No. 77-3.

3. ELPSI - Physics Articulation Committee

Chairman informed Council that the committee may have completed its work; a summary (Doc. 77-4-6) prepared by the Chairman was circulated.

4. Video-taping of lectures

Chairman informed Council that the University had not given approval for this project and the Rector has notified the interested parties accordingly.

5. Student Problems - Report of Executive Committee

The response of the Executive Committee was tabled (Doc. 77-4-1). It was also noted that the bookstore has indicated that it now sells computer manuals (Doc. 77-4-2). A typographical error was noted and corrected.

Motion
77-4-3

6. Council adopted a motion to obtain the reaction of the EUA before giving further consideration to Doc. 77-4-1.
7. Composition of EFC

Dr. Swamy tabled the ad hoc committee's revised recommendations

(Doc. 77-4-3). He noted that the committee had consulted with Department Chairmen or their delegates before formulating these recommendations.

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| Motion
77-4-4 | 8. Council considered a motion to approve items 1, 2, and 5 of Doc. 77-4-3. |
| Motion
77-4-5 | 9. Council defeated a motion to amend Motion 77-4-4 by removing the C councillor category and increasing the number of Civil Engineering and Building Studies B councillors to 2.

3 in favour; 7 against |
| Motion
77-4-6 | 10. Council adopted a motion to amend Motion 77-4-4 by specifying that Civil Engineering and Building Studies are to have 1 C councillor each.

6 in favour; 1 against; 2 recorded abstentions |
| | 11. Council unanimously approved Motion 77-4-4 as amended by Motion 77-4-6. |
| Motion
77-4-7 | 12. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve item 3 of Doc. 77-4-3, modified as follows:

"As per item 2, except that as of a date specified in item 4 below, the number of B councillors for Civil Engineering and Building Studies be increased to 2 each.'

1 recorded abstention |
| Motion
77-4-8 | 13. Council defeated a motion to approve item 4a. |
| Motion
77-4-9 | 14. Council defeated a motion to approve item 4c. |
| Motion
77-4-10 | 15. Council considered a motion to approve item 4b. |
| Motion
77-4-11 | 16. Council approved a motion to amend item 4b to read

1 June 1979 subject to a further ratification by Council during the 1978/79 academic year. |
| | 17. Council approved Motion 77-4-10 as modified by Motion 77-4-11. |
| Motion
77-4-12 | 18. Council considered a motion to approve the composition of EUSC as proposed in item 6. |
| Motion
77-4-13 | 19. Council unanimously approved a motion to amend Motion 77-4-12 by adding two student members to EUSC.

1 recorded abstention |
| | 20. Council adopted Motion 77-4-12 as amended by Motion 77-4-13.

1 recorded abstention |

- Motion 77-4-14 21. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the composition of EGSC as proposed in item 6 of Doc. 77-4-3, and amended to include two graduate students.
- 1 recorded abstention
- Motion 77-4-15 22. Council considered a motion to approve the composition of the Library Committee as proposed in item 6 of Doc. 77-4-3.
- Motion 77-4-16 23. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Motion 77-4-15 to include one student member.
- Motion 77-4-17 24. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Motion 77-4-15 to include a second student member.
- Motion 77-4-18 25. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Motion 77-4-15 to specify that student representatives should include one graduate and one undergraduate.
26. It was noted that the Centre for Building Studies should be mentioned specifically.
27. Council approved Motion 77-4-15 as amended by Motions 77-4-16, 17 and 18.
- Motion 77-4-19 28. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the composition of the Simulation Committee amended to include a representative of the Computer Science Department.
- Motion 77-4-20 29. Council considered a motion to approve the composition of the Machine Shop Committee as proposed in item 6 of Doc. 77-4-3.
- Motion 77-4-21 30. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Motion 77-4-20 by adding 1 undergraduate student.
- Motion 77-4-22 31. Council unanimously adopted a motion to amend Motion 77-4-20 by adding 1 graduate student.
- Motion 77-4-23 32. Council adopted Motion 77-4-20 as amended by Motions 77-4-21 and 22.
- Motion 77-4-24 33. Council unanimously adopted a motion to require committees of Council to meet at least twice each semester.
34. Proficiency in English
- Prof. Douglass tabled Doc. 77-4-4. The item will be considered at the next meeting of Council.
35. Technical Literature for Students
- This item was referred to the next meeting of Council.
36. Plagiarism and Cheating
- Prof. Douglass tabled the EUSC report (Doc. 77-4-5). Mr. Eric

Griffith, President of the EUA, presented viewpoints of the student body. The Registrar, faculty members of Council, and several of the students present also contributed to the discussion. There appears to be widespread concern over the growing incidence of cheating and plagiarism, particularly but not exclusively during mid-term tests and quizzes. EUSC reported that "many members of faculty feel helpless in the face of the problem - and thus add to it. Often they may have what they feel are good grounds for charging a student with cheating, but are reluctant to do so given the complexity of the "due process" which must be followed."

The Chairman commented that in his estimate it would appear to take two or three minutes to set out the facts which could result in a charge being laid against an offender. Yet based on his recollection only one charge was laid by a faculty member during the last years and only five or six charges per year were made by the Registrar based on reports from invigilators. Mr. Adams stated that invigilators were hesitant for a number of reasons to bring charges. The Chairman asked Mr. Adams to review the files and present the record of action taken with respect to reports made by invigilators which may have been the basis of the charge.

Motion
77-4-25

37. Council considered a motion to implement the recommendations contained in item 2 of Doc. 77-4-5, it being understood that the proposed code of ethics would include bylaws or regulations governing proper conduct in examinations and in the preparation of assignments, laboratory work, and term papers, as well as recommendations on the implementation and enforcement of such bylaws or regulations.

Motion
77-4-26

38. Council approved a motion to amend Motion 77-4-25 by altering item 2c of Doc. 77-4-5 to read

"c) That once this Code of Ethics has been approved by Council, the Faculty, University administration, and students be fully prepared to deal effectively with violations of the Code."

Motion
77-4-27

39. Council defeated a motion to amend Motion 77-4-25 by specifying that the committee implied in item 2a should report at the April meeting of Council.

40. Motion 77-4-25 was defeated.

Motion
77-4-28

41. Council considered a motion to establish an ad hoc committee of Council consisting of students and faculty mandated to recommend to Council on ways and means of improving the enforcement of University regulations governing cheating and plagiarism.

Motion
77-4-29

42. Council approved a motion to amend Motion 77-4-28 to add the Registrar or his representative to the membership of the ad hoc committee.

Motion
77-4-30

43. Council approved a motion to amend Motion 77-4-28 by specifying that the ad hoc committee would report to the April meeting of Council.

44. Council unanimously approved Motion 77-4-28 as amended by Motions

77-4-29 and 30.

Motion
77-4-31

45. Council unanimously agreed that the ad hoc committee should consist of 2 students, 2 members of faculty and the Registrar or his representative.

Motion
77-4-32

46. Council unanimously agreed that the student members of the committee would be appointed by the EUA.
47. Professors Douglass, Habashi, Joly and Swamy were nominated as faculty members of the committee. Professors Douglass and Habashi were elected.